

Vision for our schools

To the Editor:

I have just finished reading *Crash Course: Imagining a better Future for Public Education* by Chris Whittle, Founder and CEO, Edison Schools. This book should be essential reading for everyone with a deep concern for quality education and improving school performance.

Many of the ideas may seem radical, but Edison Schools is establishing major gains in achievement in some of the worst inner city schools in America. They began with a \$45 million investment in Research and Development before contracting to

operate their first schools. Now, with a 15 year record of achievement, the founder of Edison Schools is sharing his vision of how American schools can set world standards for educational excellence and achievement.

His vision involves a revolution in educational practice as well as an argument for increased scale in public education while preserving local control.

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